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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HEAT TREATMENT IN A FLUDIZED BED

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Official Action dated December 27, 2007, applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a replacement drawing sheet and a translation of the foreign priority document is attached following page 15 of this paper.